

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 704

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to commend Congressman Phil Roe for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we should recognize a dedicated statesman from Tennessee, namely Congressman Phil Roe of Washington County, who has recently announced his pending retirement from the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, proudly representing Tennessee's First Congressional District, Congressman Roe was first elected to the United States House in 2008; he began his tenure with the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress and subsequently won re-election to the 112<sup>th</sup>, 113<sup>th</sup>, 114<sup>th</sup>, 115<sup>th</sup>, and 116<sup>th</sup> Congresses; and

WHEREAS, he is currently the ranking member and previously served as chair of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He is also a member of the House Education and Labor Committee and previously served as a member of the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans; and

WHEREAS, he is co-chair of the House GOP Doctors Caucus and co-chair of the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus; he has served as the chair of the Republican Study Committee's Health Care Task Force for the past three congresses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties in Washington, Congressman Roe has worked tirelessly in his district, which includes Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington, and part of Jefferson counties; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born in Clarksville on July 21, 1945, Congressman Phil Roe received his Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry from Austin Peay State University in 1967 and earned a medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Roe proudly served his country in the United States Army Medical Corps for two years following his graduation from medical school; and

WHEREAS, a highly skilled medical professional, Congressman Phil Roe operated a successful medical practice for thirty-one years in Johnson City, delivering nearly 5,000 babies; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, Phil Roe was the Mayor of Johnson City from 2007-2009 and Vice Mayor from 2003-2007 before seeking election to the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, after six terms in Washington, Congressman Roe has made the decision to retire and will enjoy the opportunity to spend more time with his family in his role as a husband, father, and grandfather, to the delight of his wife, Clarinda Roe; his children, David C. Roe, John Roe, and Whitney Larkin; and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Phil Roe has set an exemplary standard for Tennesseans serving in the U.S. Congress, and his legacy of government of, by, and for the people is a crowning achievement of his brilliant career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, we honor Congressman Phil Roe for his exemplary service to Tennessee and his First Congressional District as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, commend his ongoing commitment to the prosperity of all Tennesseans, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.